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SIGHTINGS.

Since our May Newsletter it seemed as if things were picking up, indeed during the May to early July period, a number of interesting reports came to the Centre's attention. However, once again since July, the "all quiet" has once more returned, whether it will be as protracted as past spells we do not know - one can hope not.

The lead to a sighting can sometimes be rather tenuous; how many cases just go unnoticed? Anyway, a call from the local RAAF advised us that a report had been received from some northern witnesses to a droning light. Follow-up revealed it was probably a DC3, the witness though recalled hearing a UFO programme on a Launceston radio station that week. It seemed UFOs had been seen over George Town. Contact with the radio station proved fruitless, mainly as the announcer concerned was not there at the time of contact. Luck was with us though as the George Town witness remembered that our one-time Rep. P. Tattersall could be interested in the sightings and through him we finally were able to contact the witnesses. During this period the Centre received several other calls, mainly about odd lights that did things lights shouldn't, plus a north-west auto stop for good measure and a likely car pace from the south. At the present, our mini-flap seems to have been confined to May/July. But firstly as mentioned in our last Newsletter, some information on a 1979 Bruny Is. case where the object was helicopter-shaped like the auto stop at Hampshire in July!!

BRUNY XMAS 1979.

Some families were staying in caravans for the Christmas break at a secluded beach on South Bruny. The two wives had stayed behind whilst others went fishing round a nearby point. The witness decided to sit under an umbrella on the beach and read a book. It was about two o'clock in the afternoon.

She just happened to look up over the pine trees behind the beach and noticed a dull green helicopter-shaped object just above the tip of the trees. Unlike an ordinary helicopter it had no rotors, landing gear, lights etc. There was also no noise and the trees below were stationary. It was some 25/30m to the pines which were about 20m or more high. The object was still for about a minute then started to move just south of the witness out over the water of D'Entrecasteaux Channel. She noticed only one feature that was two darker square areas at the nose of the object. It passed silently away at about 8/10kph. The witness raced off at this stage to get some binoculars from their caravan; she estimates being away a couple of minutes. She estimated its width at 5/6m.

Returning the witness relocated the object some 600m away and going up over the water. A check through the binoculars revealed nothing extra. The object climbed at a steeper angle and was now going faster. It dwindled to a dot and went behind a small puffy white cloud. It had only taken a few seconds to disappear. The other lady in one of the caravans heard nothing nor did the friends out fishing. Certainly had it been a helicopter the noise factor on such a fine clear day should have been heard by most of the people in the area. There were no Search and Rescue Operations in the area at the time.

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BP, with the cut-back in their Hobart Office space, no longer have the BP Theatrette available. This, of course, will require future meetings being elsewhere. Our next meeting on 8th October will be held at the home of Mrs. Jeannine Hunt at 37 Sherwood Court, Lindisfarne. Time 8 p.m. It is planned to have one more meeting before December, then probably in the New Year to hold meetings quarterly.

Something of a Mini Flap.

It was almost a touch of "old times" as first one report, then another came to the Centre's attention. As mentioned in our last Newsletter, a brilliant white light was seen by a motorist on 8th March at 6.45 am near Glendevie. The light appeared to be stationary atop a bush-covered hill. Nothing else untoward occurred then until 14th May when a Rokeby witness woke early at 5 am. Looking out his window high towards the north-east he saw a ball of white light. He took it to be a falling star but to his amazement it stopped falling, paused, then moved east at a much slower speed. En route it moved up and over the planet Venus before descending and disappearing into the east. On 17th May near midnight a West Moonah resident saw an oval silvery grey shape passing down-river. During May the George Town sightings occurred although the Centre was not able to visit the witnesses until the June long weekend for details.

George Town.

It seems that as early as February there had been a strange incident at George Town involving the noise and an area of light. A terrific noise similar to that heard in May occurred and at the same time a number of houses were lit up by a very bright light from outside. However, the main events occurred in May on some seven evenings. Initially on 8th May a noise was heard by the Riley family and on investigation, a bright red light was observed in the sky. A cassette recording of the noise alleged to be emanating from the light was made on two occasions.

Generally the light was seen to move about the town, sometimes at fantastic speed, other times it passed away towards the south. On other occasions it was claimed the noise could be heard racing across the sky but no light source could be seen at this time. Numerous persons are said to have heard the noise, whilst still others had also seen the light as well. The Rileys contacted 7EX regarding the recording they had made. In turn, the station interviewed the witnesses and played the recording over the air.

Erratic Lights Again.

Some residents at Verona Sands reported an erratic light in the area of D'Entrecasteaux Channel on 24th June close to midnight. Two witnesses saw the large white light on a very overcast night; just the odd star was showing above. The light was about for nearly an hour as it moved first one direction then another in the south to south-east sky. At one stage the light came down to water level for some 10 to 15 seconds. Eventually, a nearby tree obscured the witnesses' view.

Report from Aircraft Passenger.

The Centre has details from a passenger on an Ansett flight into Launceston on 27th June at 4.30pm whilst the aircraft was in the Bell Bay area. As it mentioned in the Examiner....'A Sydney man has documented his sighting of a spherical object about 4m in diameter which followed the plane in which he was travelling but 200m below. He spotted the object just south of Bell Bay as it spun upwards towards the plane before heading north.'

On 6th July near Hampshire an even more puzzling event occurred. This time a dark helicopter-shape with a blue outline was noticed by a motorist over a roadside paddock. The witness's car rolled to a halt as it lost power about 7.30pm. He noticed the roadside wire fence was giving off an electrical charge at the same time. The object was only 20/30m from the road and some 5m off the ground. It seemed to turn and show an orange glow from what he took to be the rear and just seem to fade away. The witness found he could restart the car and left the area at once.

Our final even in the Mini-flap was on 10th July. This time, two witnesses were travelling back on the Tasman Highway to Hobart in the Runnymede area. A large light seemed to approach their car and stay with them for about 20 minutes as they travelled towards Sorell. Some kilometres north of Sorell, the object shot ahead and across the road as it disappeared to the east. At this stage, it looked half-moon sized, dome-shaped with a ring of red lights below.

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